

"JOHNNY COMES HOME" LIMPING

"Military Spectacular Opera" Is Filled with Soldiers, but Not with Spectacle, Says Kate Carew.

OF WAR TIME IN TWO WAYS.

Marching of Supers in Red Light and Two Jokes for Comedy Would Not Be Effective with New York Audience of Any Time.

At the big and bar-roomy New York Theatre last night the Whitney Opera Company presented an entertainment called "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," a "spectacular military opera."

Military it certainly is, since it is pervaded by scenes in uniform who talk and sing about despatches and such. Spectacular? Oh, well—er—ahem—ah—that depends on where you're from and how long it's been since you saw anything grander than the shivoo which the Young Men's Improvement Society give down to the town hall, by gum!

"Spectacular? Oh, I don't know. In Reno, Nev., perhaps; in New York—may be!"

Not on your life—not for the New York of since the war—the New York of the frozen third rail—the New York of Belasco!

The world do move, gentlemen, and though our granddaddies might have been transported by a march part of uniformed supers in red light, carrying flags and punctured with brass bands playing "John Brown's Body" and "Marching Through Georgia"—and though there is always enough vague sentiment sloshing around in a New York audience to make it gobble the bait for just a moment—these considerations don't make a "spectacle" out of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"—not the kind of "spectacle" the programme would like you to believe.

But I had nearly forgotten. There's one other "spectacular" bit. It's a moonlight scene, complicated by fireflies and a rippling river. The fireflies behaved quite decently, but the ripple editor forgot his lines occasionally and projected his shirt-sleeved shadow across the illuminated back drop while he shook up the moonlit waves to make them glint.

It isn't Comic. As for classifying the show as an opera—well, that, too, depends. It isn't comic—even the unblinking programme doesn't dare to say so—and it doesn't answer any other description of opera shown in recent times. But there is a grave reason to suspect that it was intended to be comic. One or two strange incidents point to that conclusion.

In the first act a military officer sits down on a birthday cake covered with lighted candles to give the tenor an opportunity to remark, "You've burned your breeches behind you." In the second act a dreadful comedian person is disguised in hoop skirts and capers in a fashion that Noah would have censured for its antiquity. In the third act—but I won't pretend that I saw the third act.

Yes, it was certainly intended for comic opera, but so lugubrious was it that the laughing hit of the evening was made by a man in the audience, who, when somebody on the stage remarked, "the heart is never too old to love," broke into a hysterical hand-clapping solo, as though betrayed into

TWO SCENES IN MILITARY OPERA OF "WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME."



Ziti Kennedy And Part of The Chorus.

revealing the secrets of a heart bursting with middle-aged romance. The house rose to that poor man, and even the performers grinned gratefully in his direction.

Somewhere near the middle of "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," the fat tenor, supported by a military and crinoline chorus, sings a ditty of which the burden is, "Katie, Katie, You're My Southern Rose!" It belongs to the backwoods concertina school of songs, but the management evidently thinks that perfect crudeness means sure popularity, for it is made the "feature" of the performance, and by the time you have heard Katie chorused a couple of dozen times you feel like offering her your little all not to get to the barrel organs.

Women Are Pleading. Miss Lucille Saunders, who is very much of an artist, was the most likable of the principals. Out of the middle-aged part she had to play she wrought a little miracle of sympathy, delicate humor, and intelligent singing.

Miss Maude Lambert, too, proved to be a jolly young person, with a little of the bouncing temperament of Helen Marvin, in "A Country Girl." Miss Ziti Kennedy, as the wearisome Katie, pranced piously but tearfully through the performance.

The men were dreadful, with the exception of Will H. Bray as an aged cuffed puzson. The Christy-minstrelly song and dance that he led was the last dry-as-a-bone spot in the show, with the exception of one of the girls in the crinoline chorus.

She wore a bronze red wig, this girl, and she wasn't in the front row, but she looked like a Cheret poster, and she by-played with twice as much spirit as her slumping sisters, and she had beautiful aims, and I'm thankful to her for enlightening a dull evening with something worth watching and speculating about. And my worst wish for her is that if ever she becomes a leading lady she won't have a fat tenor to sing "Katie" ditties at her.

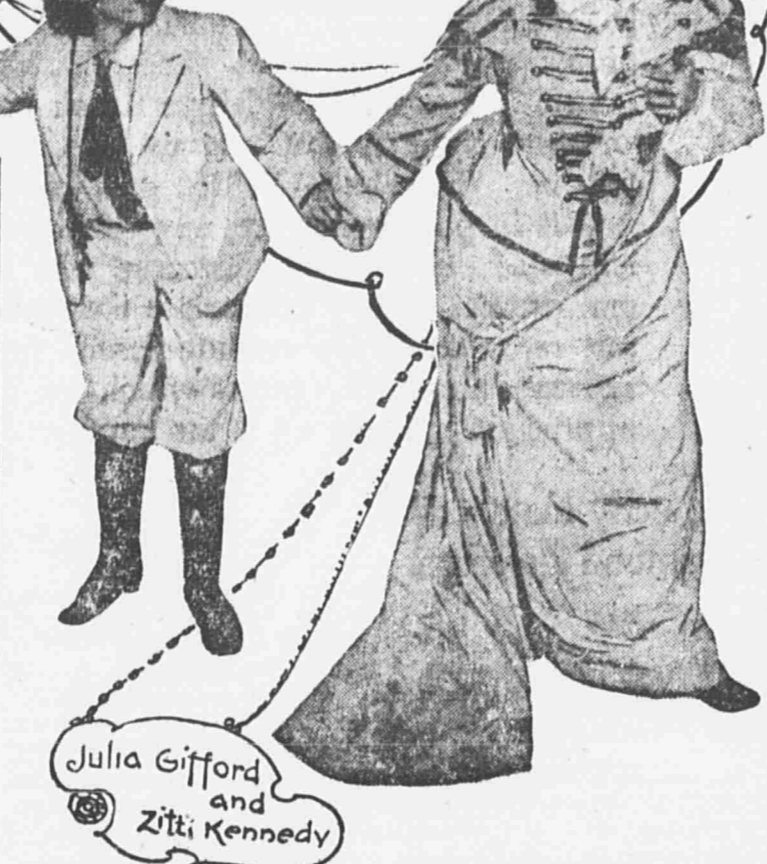
KATE CAREW.

A CHARMING CONCERT.

Musical People Ploek to Hear the Kneisel Quartet.

Mendelssohn Hall held its usual Kneisel Quartet audience last night. They flocked in droves and looked very cheerful despite the wretched weather that raged without, for a Kneisel audience is as rainproof as a mackintosh.

Nordica's Appearance Put Off. Maurice Grau announces the postponement of Mme. Nordica's first appearance this season to Friday, Dec. 26, when she will sing the part of Isolde. She has not yet recovered from the effects of her tempestuous voyage.



Julia Gifford and Ziti Kennedy

TENOR FEELS ROYAL IRE.

George Anthes Forfeits His Saxon Order and Court Title.

Gen. Louis Botha has written to Theodor M. Banta, Secretary of the Holland Society of New York, in reply to an offer of co-operation in the intended visit of Gen. Botha, De Wet and Delarey to this country:

"Dear Sir: You are no doubt aware that Mr. Chamberlain has left for South Africa. For this reason we shall not be able to attend the concert of the Order of Albrecht, owing to your attitude toward the General Direction of the Royal Music Kapelle and the Court Theatre, in consequence of which it has been necessary to demand the return of the decoration from you and to strike your name out of the list of the order."

"Moreover, His Majesty the King has to inform you that your appointment as Royal Saxon Court Singer is cancelled. In making to you, as I do, these announcements, I respectfully beg you to deliver to me the inkblot of the order above referred to, so that I may transmit it to the Council, and I also beg you in future to refrain from assuming the title of Royal Court Singer."

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